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Scott William Middleton et al.) Art Unit: 3727
Serial No: 10/501,179) Examiner: Braden, Shawn M.
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For: CARTON HAVING A RIM OR OTHER FEATURE ENCAPSULATED
BY OR FORMED FROM INJECTION-MOLDED MATERIAL

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Applicants hereby voluntarily disclose the items listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A to the Commissioner for Patents. Pursuant to the Waiver in the OG Notice dated August 5, 2003, no copies of any U.S. patents or publications are enclosed. Copies of foreign patent documents 1-13 are enclosed.

Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being submitted at this seemingly late date because they were only recently brought to our attention as a result of foreign prosecution; a certification, as specified in paragraph (e) of 37 CFR 1.97, is enclosed herewith.

The references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A are being submitted because they were cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the English language translation of the Office Action is enclosed.

English language abstracts are being provided for cite Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-10 and 13. Partial English language translations have also been provided for cite Nos. 4 and 13. Applicants believe that adequate understanding of the non-English language references included herein can be obtained upon review of the drawing figures, the English language abstracts, the partial English

language translations, and the English language translation of the Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08A and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

Although no fees are believe due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees that are required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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37 CFR 1.97(e) CERTIFICATION

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This certification is being submitted, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, with the Information Disclosure Statement enclosed herewith. Each reference cited by the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office regarding a related foreign application. The communication from the foreign patent office was not received more than three months prior to the submittal of this certification.

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